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## Budget Committee Challenges School District Over Surplus

PENNY WILLIAMS  
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – The Hampstead Budget Committee met with a handful of department heads and with the School District to get a handle on what big ticket items and budget issues they would be facing during the upcoming budget season.

Budget Committee member Matt Murphy asked again for the School District's budget to be formatted similar to the town's budget, showing line by line what was proposed last budget, what was spent, and what is proposed for the upcoming budget. He said that such a format would be the only way the committee could determine where the million-dollar surplus

comes from so the committee can consider whether it should stay in or come out.

"That is the taxpayers' money," he said. "Where does the surplus come from? Is it from one or more specific lines?"

Later in the meeting he said the School District returns the million-dollar surplus to the town on June 30, and on July 1 it gets it back.

A call to the state Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) revealed that the surplus or unfunded balance from the Hampstead School District is returned to the citizens and is applied to reducing the school district's appropriation. In other words, \$1 million returned by the school district in June of

2011 reduces the town's tax rate for 2012 by reducing the amount the school district has to raise.

Hampstead Assistant Superintendent Winfried Feneberg and School Board Chairwoman Judy Graham tried to explain it as the DRA did. Feneberg said the school district budget has the information line by line that Murphy wants to see, and he would make several years of data available to him.

Murphy asked that the school district cease paying the teachers' and staff's union dues. "If they want to be part of the union, fine, but they need to write the check for the dues themselves," he said.

His last request was for the School District to pro-

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## Sandown Selectmen Consider List of Building Repairs

MATT RITTENHOUSE  
Tri-Town Times

SANDOWN – At their Sept. 17 meeting, the board of selectmen reviewed potential building maintenance and repair projects to include in the coming year's budget. Many of the projects have been on the radar for years or have been included in the multi-year building infrastructure plan, but others are new this year.

The board reviewed a long list of projects, none of which have been decided on. Projects being considered include cleaning the carpets of the town clerk and planning board offices, painting parking lot lines at the library, repairing the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system at Town Hall, cleaning the ductwork at Town Hall,

doing maintenance at the Old Meeting House, replacing chairs and tables at Town Hall, providing for annual fire extinguisher maintenance throughout town, installing a fire detection system at Town Hall, installing a window at the town clerk's office, painting the ceiling at the fire station and bringing the second egress out of the library up to fire code.

Office manager Lynne Blaisdell asked the board to eliminate any projects they weren't interested in so as to prevent wasted employee time in searching for bids and prices. Blaisdell noted the many hours that go into securing all of those costs for budget preparation.

Selectmen argued for the importance of many projects on the list. While Jim Devine noted the need to

abide by state requirements for lining the library's parking lot, chair Steve Brown talked of the need to make sure the town's fire extinguishers were in good working order and that tables and chairs needed to be replaced in the upstairs town hall meeting room. Selectman Tom Tombarello expressed a desire to plan ahead for Old Meeting House repairs by setting up an account for that purpose.

While Brown looked to categorize the items by priority in the area of health and safety, eventually the board decided that right now, few bids needed to be obtained and prioritization wasn't very important yet.

Prices will be sought on cleaning the ductwork, improving the HVAC system, replacing tables and

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**OLYMPIC HOPEFUL** The 37th annual Hampstead Junior Olympics was held Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Depot Road Field complex. Over 120 child athletes between the ages 6 and 17 competed for medals in track and field events, sponsored by the Greater Hampstead Civic Club. Pictured, 7-year-old Luke Wooten weaves his way through the obstacle course.

*Photo by Chris Paul*

## Chester Academy to Take Over Booster Club Dances After Fight

MATT RITTENHOUSE  
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER – The school board has agreed to put the Chester Academy Booster Club's dances under the auspices of the school, following an altercation between two students at the Club's most recent dance.

During that dance a young man incited a fight with another young man. A student separate from the

altercation called a parent to report the fight and to say that he'd like to go home. The parent in turn called 911 and the police responded.

The school board discussed how to move forward from the incident at their Sept. 12 meeting with Lorie Ouwerkerk of the Booster Club. Parent Rob Brown was also present to air his own concerns.

Most who discussed the incident agreed that it was

regrettable, but that sometimes kids don't handle themselves as adults wished they would. Administration and police agreed that the chaperones at the dance handled the situation well and immediately broke up the altercation.

Police chief Bill Burke said the altercation wasn't any different than any other the department has responded to over the years. Every-

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# Britton Gets Six Months Prison for Reporting Failure as Sex Offender

MATT RITTENHOUSE  
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER — Former Chester resident Gary Britton has been sentenced to six months in prison for failing to make his annual report to the police as a registered sex offender. The plea agreement was reached last week in Rockingham Superior Court.

Britton, 59, formerly of 482 Fremont Road, pled guilty to the single charge not long after he turned down an agreement with a longer, 12-month prison term.

Failing in his duty to report is just one of three felony charges Britton is currently facing. Also on the list is felon in possession of a deadly weapon and aggravated felonious sexual as-

sault on a minor.

Britton was initially arrested by Chester Police in September 2011 for failing to register as a convicted sex offender. Concurrent with that arrest it is alleged that child pornography was found in his rented home. Later a police search turned up a handgun.

Britton has also been charged with aggravated

felonious sexual assault with a female minor, who was at the time under 13 years of age. Police implicate Britton in a pattern of abuse alleged to have taken place between March 29, 1991 and March 29, 1999. The victim was born in 1982.

According to Chester Police Lt. Aaron Berube, the other two felony charges are still pending. The investiga-

tion into the sexual assault is still open and evolving, Berube said.

Britton remains in prison, where he has been for approximately one year.

According to the New Hampshire Department of Safety, in 1983 Britton was convicted of Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault on a victim younger than 13 years of age. Also on his

record are previous charges of failing to register as an offender and a stalking charge, both in 2001. And in 1979 he was convicted of indecent exposure and lewdness.

Britton's name can be found on the New Hampshire State Police Registration of Criminal offenders website: [www4.egov.nh.gov/nsor](http://www4.egov.nh.gov/nsor).

# Proposed Depot Development Gets Some Support

PENNY WILLIAMS  
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD — The meeting room was packed again Monday night for the Depot Development hearing before the Planning Board. But for the first time, the crowd included persons speaking in favor of the development.

Both Selectman Rick Hartung and resident Karen Yasenka said they supported the proposed project.

Hartung said the town needs the commercial base and the jobs the development would create. He added that the developers are local and the parcel has been zoned commercial for 30 years, and if a reasonable plan were presented, it should be approved.

Yasenka agreed with Hartung and added that the development would not negatively impact property values. She said whether it was

developed or not, people considering purchase of neighboring properties would know the parcel was zoned commercial. She added that such developments are being encouraged in neighborhoods so as to be available to walkers, runners and cyclists as well as those driving cars.

Yasenka urged the board to "take into consideration the whole picture" when reaching its decision and to decide based on "what's in the best interests of Hampstead and all of its residents."

The Depot Development plan, according to Mark Gross, who made the presentation for developers Bruce Worthen and Richie Towne, has been modified and a new plan provided to answer several issues brought up by the Technical Review Committee. Gross also had photographs to show headlights from driveway exits would not impact homes on Derry

Road or Main Street, and handouts showing that historically, Main Street has been and is home to many businesses.

Gross emphasized that the new plan has been reduced in scale, and thus anticipated use and traffic are similarly reduced.

The present plan is for a single story building, designed to look like a Rail Road Station to try and tie into the historical antecedents of the area. Gross said it is 4,800 square feet and calls for a multi-use commercial development to include a 2,400-square-foot convenience store with a gasoline station offering eight pumps; a 1,200-square-foot restaurant with drive-through; and a 1,200-square-foot retail space.

The abutters pointed out that the while there is no second floor office space, the actual footprint is larger. Gross said changes in busi-

ness operations were responsible for the increase in the footprint.

The Planning Board suggested the second floor be restricted from ever being used for business purposes. It is currently proposed to house heating and air conditioning equipment.

The location is a 4-acre parcel zoned for commercial development but surrounded by residential dwellings across both Main Street and Hampstead Road.

A traffic study was done by Stephen Pernaw & Company and indicates that traffic numbers have declined over the decade since the previous study. Pernaw supported his numbers with a state Department of Transportation (DOT) four-day, 24-hour count. He told the audience that DOT "accepted" his report and conclusions.

It was pointed out again that the Pernaw count started at 7 a.m., after the Pinker-

ton Academy bus and car traffic had left Hampstead.

Gross noted that the state would not require the developers to do any off-site improvements. Planning Board Chairman Randy Clark questioned the criteria used to determine the need for no turning lanes and was told national standards and criteria were applied.

Gross said that all items requested by abutters, the Technical Review Committee and the Planning Board had been added to the new site plan documents. He said the use of white pines had been changed to spruce, and times for snow removal and trash pick-up had been adjusted. The hours of operation listed on the plan are from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Gross said snow and trash work will not occur before 7 a.m.

He added that the proposed sign would have three panels - the gas price, retail, Dunkin' Donut and street address, all on the allowed

40-square-foot area, using amber rather than red.

The developers do not have the driveway, septic or well permits yet.

Clark told the audience he wouldn't allow any repeat comments. He added that he thinks that as the economy recovers, traffic volume would increase.

Board member William Weber said he wanted an independent traffic study done and direct confirmation to the board from the state regarding the intersection of Main Street (Route 121), Derry and Depot roads to say whether it is a failed intersection.

"I cannot accept there has been a reduction in the traffic volume," he said.

The arguments against the development include safety issues involving the intersection, increased traffic, noise, and potential drop in property values. The audience had nothing new to add, but abutters said that while this is not being proposed as a 24-hour operation, the developers could come back and ask for that.

Clark asked Gross if he would have his state permits in hand by the board's next scheduled meeting on Oct. 1, and Gross said he would. Clark then continued the hearing to that meeting.



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# State Primary Election Results Noted for Hampstead

PENNY WILLIAMS  
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – In an election with few contested seats, Hampstead voters turned out in modest strength to cast their votes in the State Primary on Tuesday, Sept. 11. Hampstead has approximately 9,000 residents and 5,877 of them are registered voters. On Election Day, 1,313 residents, or 22.3 percent of registered voters, took the time to cast their ballots. Twenty-six new voters were registered on Election Day.

Top vote getters for Gov-

ernor in Hampstead were Republican Ovide Lamontagne with 627 votes and Democrat Maggie Hassan, who had 251 votes. That followed the state overall. Congressman Frank Guinta with 780 votes outdistanced his challengers by a wide margin and for the Democrats, Carol Shea-Porter ran unopposed. That, too, followed the results state wide.

In the race for State Representatives for Rockingham District 13, representing Hampstead and Kingston, five Republican candidates sought four seats. All move ahead except David

Welch.

The results follow: Kenneth Weyler, 539 votes in Hampstead; 410 in Kingston, totaling 949. John B. Sedensky, 602 in Hampstead, 249 in Kingston, totaling 851. Kevin St. James, 444 in Hampstead, 383 in Kingston, totaling 827. Regina Birdsell, 527 in Hampstead, 286 in Kingston, totaling 813. David A. Welch, 451 in Hampstead, 338 in Kingston, totaling 789.

The Democratic side had four candidates for four seats, so all move ahead. They are: Kathleen Pynn of

Kingston, 277; Derrick Moyer of Hampstead, 248; Andrew Stockwell of Kingston, 246; and William F. Waters of Kingston, 244.

The four Democrats and the four top Republican vote getters will face each other for the four seats in November.

Four Republican candidates sought the single Rockingham State Representative Floterial District 34 seat, which includes Hampstead, Kingston, Atkinson and Plaistow. Top vote-getter was Jeffrey Oligny. Harlan Cheney was the sole candidate on the

Democratic side. Oligny and Cheney will face each other in the Nov. 6 General Election.

The results follow: Jeffrey Oligny, 400 in Hampstead, 239 in Kingston, 276 in Atkinson and 284 in Plaistow, totaling 1199. Marie N. Sapienza, 282 in Hampstead, 164 in Kingston, 289 in Atkinson and 163 in Plaistow, totaling 898. Janet Cincotta, with 58 in Hampstead, 38 in Kingston, 61 in Atkinson and 26 in Plaistow, totaling 183. Timothy Alavosus, 43 in Hampstead, 23 in Kingston, 44 in Atkinson

and 25 in Plaistow, totaling 135.

The District 2 County Commissioner race saw Thomas Tombarello with 439 votes over incumbent Maureen Barrows with 318 on the Republican side, and John Mack with 152 votes sneaking by Frank Grzasko with 131 votes on the Democratic side.

Four candidates sought to three delegate seats to the Republican State Convention. The results are: Jack Thomas 480; Jorge Mesa-Tejada, 467; Nicole Tessier 462, all winners, and Patricia Roy Thomas, 461.

## Budget

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vide him with a list of all the professional associations the administration, teachers and staff belong to so it can be determined if there is any overlap.

Feneberg said the School Board has asked the administration to reduce the budget by 1 percent. He said that will be the goal but there are two contracts to be negotiated, the teachers' contract and the maintenance and kitchen support staff contract. He added that the district has already been notified that retirement has increased by \$200,000, and he doesn't know whether insurance will increase,

remain flat or decrease.

But he noted that as enrollment has declined at about 2.5 percent annually, the staff has been reduced by 3.4 to 4 percent. Energy, he said is anyone's guess, and technology costs could go up or down by 1 or 2 percent.

School Board member Natalie Gallo reminded the audience that Hampstead is required to meet the new Common Core standards and all the testing for the Common Core is done on computer, so technology will have to reflect this requirement.

Feneberg said the Facilities Committee has not met but will be doing so, and from that committee will come a proposal for facility

infrastructure improvements at both schools.

The Budget Committee also heard from Town Clerk/Tax Collector Patricia Curran, who said revenues are up a little but the percentage of collection is flat.

Police Chief Joe Beaudoin said his retirement costs have increased \$18,000 before he even starts his budget, and the third year of the union contract will add \$16,970 in salary increases. He pointed to increased cost of fuel and noted all those costs must be addressed.

Beaudoin said he anticipates a 5 to 6 percent budget increase even though the selectmen asked for a flat or 1 percent reduction in department budgets. He said he was going to ask the

selectmen to approve getting a new cruiser from the Detail Fund, and he planned to submit a warrant article for a full-time officer. He added that he needed a new air conditioning unit and a new front door at police station.

Fire Chief Michael Carrier said he could meet the level funding request but his department needs to replace its Jaws of Life rescue equipment. That would cost roughly \$36,000 if he got all the components, a sum he planned to put it in his budget.

Murphy said getting the rescue equipment should be a warrant article, but Carrier said he considered that to be too risky because the equipment was badly need-

ed. The old equipment the department has doesn't cut through the material from which modern vehicles are made.

The Highway budget passed muster but Budget Committee member Proctor Wentworth told Road Agent Jon Worthen he needs to do the West Road work in one effort, not try to split the cost over two years. Worthen said the only big ticket item other than West Road would be replacing the town backhoe in the next couple of years, and that would cost \$93,000 buying it outright or \$20,000 a year for five years to lease one.

Hampstead Public Library director Debra Hiatt

said the Library Trustees planned to break down their budget lines as requested last year. She said her budget would have to absorb a \$2,000 retirement increase.

Hiatt said the trustees planned to put in a warrant article for \$10,000 to be added to the Hampstead Public Library Building Maintenance Non-Capital Reserve Fund to prepare for the replacement of aging furnaces. The fund has \$30,000 now, which will cover cost of a new roof. Technically the final \$10,000 from the 2012 Warrant Article won't be in hand until December.

The library has just one capital reserve fund.

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# Editorial

## A Change of Season

Orange has never been a favorite color, but about this time every year, our thoughts turn to multiple things orange.

Pumpkins. Changing leaves. Hunting vests.

The color is a sign of the shift in seasons.

Saturday, Sept. 22, is the first day of autumn, and the change of seasons is a hard one to miss this year. Even the warm days have a different feel – it's a warmth that tells of the end of summer, not the ongoing intensity of July. The darkness falls early now. And there's no mistaking the cold bite of the evening air – or the sound of the furnace clicking on for the first time in months.

We can still enjoy plenty of days of wearing flip-flops and shorts, but their time is running out for the year. The trees in local orchards are full of apples, and if that's not a sure sign of fall in New England, we don't know what is. Take advantage of that bounty and plan a trip to pick apples – and set aside some time to bake pies and make cider and sauce. We're fortunate to have the chance to taste the real thing, literally in our own backyards.

As we were driving home this week, a table piled with small pumpkins came into view. Stop by any local garden center or farmstand, and you're sure to find a colorful display of mums and cornstalks, something it's hard to resist buying to decorate a front porch or mailbox. You can't miss the shift. The season is changing. And that means Halloween will be upon us before we know it – there's that orange again.

We don't need a calendar to tell us about the crispness in the evening air, the yellowing of the light. And the trees are giving us a preview already of the glorious display to come in the weeks ahead.

It's a perfect season to take a walk. Visit your town conservation areas and discover the hidden treasures of the woodlands you and your neighbors have preserved. Soon enough, your outdoor exercise will be directed at raking those colorful leaves whose time has come.

All in all, it's a wonderful time of year, a time when nature's bounty and beauty are on display for everyone to enjoy. And as New Englanders, we know what comes next.

# Letters

## Thanks for Primary Vote

To the editor:

Dear Neighbors in Hampstead and Kingston:

I cannot thank you enough for taking the time out of your busy schedules and coming out to vote on Sept. 11. I truly appreciate the faith and confidence you have placed in me by nominating me for State Representative for our towns. I am both humbled and strengthened by your support.

Your vote this past Tuesday, on a day of memorial for thousands of Americans, reminds me that we as Americans are most blessed to have the freedoms we have. It was fitting and appropriate that we each had the opportunity to use our freedom by voting on the 11th anniversary of the day our very freedom was shaken and thousands of Americans lost their lives.

On Nov. 6, every American will be voting for the future of our country with the election of President, and I cannot express how grateful and humbled I am that my name will appear on the same ballot as our next President.

I wish to thank everyone for their support in the Primary. Your donations of time and money, phone calls and letters, your holding of signs and words of encouragement, all worked to allow me the opportunity to serve you, as one of your State Representatives. However, the "work" is not yet over. We have less than two months before the general election to decide who will be our next State Representatives. Once again I humbly ask for your support in any way that you may be able to assist my campaign.

This past Tuesday, we all realized how much every vote counts when my good friend and State Representative, David Welch, was not re-nominated to a post

where he has served our communities for many years. This is not the result that I had wanted or anticipated. Representative Welch has served this district for over 28 years in a fashion that I emulate and hope to follow. David is someone I look up to and had been hoping to represent our towns with, side by side. Thank you David for your service!

As we held signs in Hampstead and Kingston and observed the American flag being lowered to half-staff, I know that we all recognized how very precious our lives and our freedom are. We are the most fortunate people on Earth, with the ability to let our representative know what is on our collective minds. I promise that I am and will continue to be open to all of your concerns and opinions. As your next State Representative, I will bring your voice and concerns to Concord. I will not pretend to know all the answers, but I will represent this district fairly and keep an open mind in my representation of all of the citizens of Hampstead and Kingston with common sense to move us forward.

Thank you again for allowing me the opportunity to move closer to serving you in Concord.

Kevin St. James  
Kingston

## School Board Action

To the editor:

At the June 12 Hampstead School Board meeting, Dillard Collins, the principal of Hampstead Central School, presented the requested document outlining the "Domains of Responsibilities" in which the Assistant Principal performed. He broke down the document by color coding and identifying those responsibilities that are: mandated by the law or the

Department of Education, those that are critical to the functioning of the school, and those that enhance the school.

This three-page document was created to highlight the importance that the Assistant Principal position served at the Central School. Despite Mr. Collins' attempts at enlightening the members of the School Board with how essential this position is, Mr. Feneberg's recommendations and support of filling the position, and the countless taxpayers who wrote and voiced their desire to have this position filled, the board turned a blind eye to the "experts" recommendations. They did not even take an opportunity to observe the inner functioning of the school and the role Mrs. Scarpati played in its daily operations.

I would love to challenge the three members of the School Board who did not find the Assistant Principal position to be important to take the same time Mr. Collins did and prepare a document and present it to our community, explaining how all of these responsibilities have been re-assigned and to whom. I would also like to know which of these items the children of Hampstead are no longer able to access because of this hasty decision.

I can assure you that the children are feeling the impact of this decision.

Tara Hutchings  
Hampstead

## Hassan for Governor

To the editor:

On Nov. 6, New Hampshire will choose a new governor in the general election. As a co-chair of Maggie Hassan's Rockingham County Steering Committee, my choice has already been made, but I would like

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# School Board to Contract for Information Technology Services

MATT RITTENHOUSE  
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER – The Chester school board has decided to move forward with contracting with Daystar Computer Services to handle upper tier informational technology (IT) needs at Chester Academy, the town's kindergarten through eighth public school. The decision was made at the Sept. 12 meeting after school board member Mike Romick met in depth with the company.

A decision to work with Daystar has been in the works since June, following the resignation of director of technology Bill Cavanaugh and technology specialist Shawn Power. After Cavanaugh gave notice that he'd be moving on to a job with Homeland Security and Power to another district, administration began to look into hiring a company like Daystar. Instead of hiring employees to match the previous structure for IT needs within Chester Acad-

emy, superintendent Jim Gaylord brought in Daystar to make its case.

In June, Daystar's Keith Bramford met with the board and said it could handle those upper level needs but that it wasn't cost effective to have them handle day to day issues.

Since then the school has hired two employees to handle the daily IT needs of the school.

Following that meeting, the company drew up a list of projects to streamline and improve operations. Romick, who is in the IT business, then met with the company at the school to look over the proposal.

The rest of the school board was pleased with Romick's expertise in the matter.

The company listed about a dozen projects, from consolidating servers to upgrading firewalls and improving system-wide upgrading capacity. Concerns ranged from fixing equipment that wasn't functioning to changing configurations

to suggestions for new equipment or processes.

Romick agreed with all of the proposals except a plan to standardize the school's three current servers with a single modern affair and a decision to house email on site.

Chair Royal Richardson said the current system isn't overtaxed and it was a project that could wait.

Richardson said Daystar's aim was to standardize and make more efficient the school's IT infrastructure, but there were added benefits to working with a company with Daystar's expertise and that specialized in similar clients. Among other suggestions, the discussion at the School Board meeting indicated that Bramford would get information back to the school on free off-site hosting of email that he had seen in other educational institutions.

The board approved working with Daystar on individual projects on a time and material basis, but not

to exceed \$36,000. The contract is still being finalized.

According to Gaylord, the funding for the work will not come from outside the budget. Savings from Cavanaugh's and Power's salaries and benefits over current staffing, together with some funding from a grant recently received, will cover the cost.

The school recently received a \$35,000 Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) grant. Schools of 600 or fewer students qualify for the program, but Chester Academy has been above that number for years. This year it was noted by financial manager Annmarie Scribner that the

population had fallen below that threshold, and she went to work qualifying the school to apply.

Principal Leslie Leahy, who aided with the grant application, was pleased with the grant and noted her excitement at the efforts that can be buttressed at the school this year with the money. One potential use for the funds is to pay for a late bus so that those kids who struggle with certain course material can get the extra help they need.

In other business at the Sept. 12 meeting:

• The board approved a bid from Irving Oil to provide propane to the Academy. The bid was the lowest

of two at \$1.599 per gallon.

• Local company Dillon Old Farm Nursery was given this year's plowing contract. Five firms bid the job, with prices ranging from \$10,477 to \$16,900 for the season. The lowest bidder did not meet bid specifications. Dillon Old Farm bid \$12,500 for the work.

Last year the work was given to Hook and Ladder Contracting Services of Hudson, but the board received some feedback, including from school board member Maria Veale, that the work should have been given to a Chester company. Dillon Old Farm also bid the work last year, at the same cost.

## Burglaries Reported in Hampstead

PENNY WILLIAMS  
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – The Hampstead Police Department reported five automobiles broken into during the week of Sept. 10. Three of the break-ins occurred on Lewis Lane, one on Cortland Road and one on Ellyson Avenue.

Police Lt. John Frazier

said they were thought to be all related as they all happened between 10 p.m. Sept. 10 and 4:30 a.m. Sept. 11.

"A man walking his dog on Lewis Lane spotted two males rummaging through a vehicle between 4:10 and 4:15 a.m.," Frazier said. "He didn't get a description of the two males but we have a potential license plate and

the man described a grey PT Cruiser."

Frazier said items taken from the vehicles, which were left unlocked, included a Sirius Satellite Radio, a GPS, CDs, a wallet with credit cards and a passport.

"People should not ever leave their vehicles unlocked and people should not leave valuables in their vehicles," Frazier said.

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# Some Chester Voters Irrate Over New Voter ID Law

MATT RITTENHOUSE  
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER - Chester saw 764 voters cast their ballots in the State Primary on Sept. 11.

According to poll workers the day was long, but went smoothly. Starting at 6:30 a.m. for many, the day lasted until about 8:15 p.m. Town clerk Barbara Gagnon was the last to leave about an hour after that.

Chester followed suit with the rest of the state with the choice over who will compete for the Governor's office, to be vacated after a long stint by John Lynch. On the Republican side, Chester was far and away in favor of Ovide Lamontagne and on the Democrat side, just as much in favor of Maggie Hassan.

Lamontagne received 369 votes to Kevin Smith's 161. Hassan took 145 votes to Jackie Cilley's 52.

Together with Sandown and Auburn, Chester decided which five candidates for the New Hampshire House would be sent on to the November General Election. On the Republican

side for Chester, votes follow: Gene P. Charron, 439; Joseph M. Hagan, 355; James E. Devine, 261; Dan Dumaine, 234; Frank M. Carrio, 224; and Stella Tremblay, 202.

Together with the other two towns in the district, Chester decided that Charron, Hagan, Devine, Dumaine and Tremblay will be facing off against unchallenged Charlotte Lister and Kelly Upham-Torosian on the Democratic ticket.

Gagnon said things went well throughout the day, except for some hiccups over the new Voter ID law. While most voters approved of the new rules, which required them to present a photo ID, about 10 complained.

Of those 10, said Gagnon, five were angry with the new mandate and one man was described as extremely put off.

Because of the law, passed this past term, all voters were asked to provide one of the following: driver's license issued by any state (even if expired); ID card issued by New Hampshire DMV (Division of

Motor Vehicles); U.S. Armed Services ID card; U.S. Passport (even if expired); valid photo ID card issued by either the federal government or a state, county or municipal government; valid student ID card; other photo ID deemed legitimate by the supervisors of the checklist, the moderator, or the clerk; or verification of identity by a supervisor of the checklist, the moderator or the clerk.

While during the Primary any voter who did not present an approved ID was informed of the new law and permitted to vote, starting with the November General Election until Sept. 1 2013, any voter who does not present an approved photo ID will be permitted to vote after executing a "challenged voter affidavit."

After one of the angry outbursts, Gagnon dis-

cussed the matter with police and it was decided that in November, a police officer will be placed at the doors of the polling place to remind people that they need their ID, in an effort to diffuse any anger before the person enters the polls.

Gagnon said some of the ballot clerks were uncomfortable with the anger shown by a small number of voters.

"Hopefully it works," said Gagnon of the plan, and said it would never be her intention to turn anyone away. "We're all trying for the same good."

## Chester's results: Democratic Ballot

Governor: Maggie Hassan, 145; Jackie Cilley, 52; Bill Pearce Kennedy, 17. Congressman: Carol Shear-Porter, 205. Executive Councilor: Bill Duncan, 188. State Senator: Carol E. Croteau,

191. State Representatives: Charlotte Ann Lister, 177; Kelly Upham-Torosian, 131. Sheriff: John Clark, 183. County Attorney: Joe Plaia, 177. County Treasurer: David E. Ahearn, 190. Register of Deeds: Robert E. Padian, 184. Register of Probate: Debra E. Crapo, 187. County Commissioner: Bob Davidson, 181.

## Republican Ballot

Governor: Ovide Lamontagne, 369; Kevin H. Smith, 161; Robert M. Tarr, 6. Congressman: Frank C. Guinta, 453; Rick Parent, 53; Vern Clough, 11. Executive Councilor: Christopher Sununu, 478. State Senator: Russell Prescott, 347; Dennis F. Acton, 109.

Sheriff: Michael Downing, 438. County Attorney: Jim Reams, 425. County Treasurer: Edward R. Buck, 425. Register of Deeds: Cathy Stacey, 428. County

Commissioner: Kevin L. Coyle, 188; Phyllis Katsakiores, 151; C. Donald Stritch, 108. Register of Probate: No Official Candidate. Delegates to the State Convention: Gene P. Charron, 329; Joseph M. Hagan, 86; Eileen Tully 42; Mary Cormier, 22; Monique M.C. Prince, 11.

State Representatives: Gene P. Charron, 439; Joseph M. Hagan, 355; James E. Devine, 261; Dan Dumaine, 234; Frank M. Carrio, 224; Stella Tremblay, 202.

## State Representative District Wide

Democratic Ballot  
Charlotte Ann Lister, 546; Kelly Upham-Torosian, 506. Republican Ballot

Gene P. Charron, 1,131; Joseph M. Hagan, 1,073; James E. Devine, 939; Dan Dumaine, 903; Stella Tremblay, 829; Frank M. Carrio, 809.

# Claiming to be Artist, Chester Teen Arrested for Spray Painting

MATT RITTENHOUSE  
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER - A young Chester man has been ar-

rested for spray painting the skate park in the center of town.

On Aug. 28 at 8:40 p.m., police were alerted to a sus-

picious individual shaking a spray can in the small concrete skate park by the Chester Academy ball fields.

The suspect, later identified as Myles Salazar, 19, of Chester, told police he was waiting for a friend, but a search turned up a hidden spray can and black paint on the suspect's hands.

Salazar admitted to being a skateboarder and artist, and told the police he

thinks the area is a good one to show off his art.

Salazar was subsequently arrested and released on bail. He is charged with criminal mischief and false report to a police officer after he gave a wrong name to the arresting officer.

"We have zero tolerance for that kind of thing," said police chief Bill Burke. "There are different venues to show off your art work."


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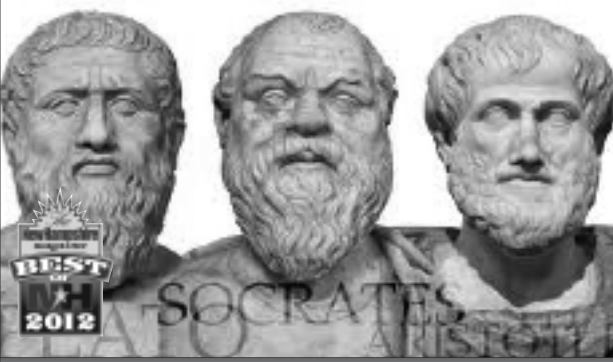

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# Long Day at the Polls in Sandown as Voter ID Begins

MATT RITTENHOUSE  
Tri-Town Times

SANDOWN – Primary Election Day was a long day for poll workers in Sandown, starting well before 8 a.m. when the doors opened for voters, and not finishing up until after 9:30 p.m., when the results of the day were read out by interim moderator Roger Barczak.

There was some difficulty at the end of the Primary night on Tuesday, Sept. 11, as workers sought to make sure all of their numbers matched. A minor discrepancy between the ballots counted by the voting machine and the voter lists occurred, but led by town clerk Michelle Short, the group eventually matched the figures. Voting closed at 8 p.m. and results were read at 9:30 p.m.

A total of 815 voters came out for the primary, most choosing Republican ballots. In the headlining race for Governor, Sandown kept with the majority of the state in casting the most votes for Ovide Lamontagne on the Republican side and Maggie Hassan on the Democratic side.

Lamontagne received 395 votes to Kevin Smith's 164, while Hassan took in 155 to Jackie Cilley's 41 and Bill Kennedy's 41.

Together with Chester and Auburn, Sandown decided which five candidates for the New Hampshire House would be sent on to the November General Election. On the Republican side for Sandown, Gene Charron received 346 votes, followed by Joseph Hagan with 338, James Devine with 317, Frank Carrio with 280, Stella Tremblay with 279 and Dan Dumaine with 266.

Together with the other two towns in the district,

Charron, Hagan, Devine, Dumaine and Tremblay will be facing off against unchallenged Charlotte Lister and Kelly Upham-Torosian on the Democratic side.

Selectman Tom Tombarello upset longtime Rockingham County Commissioner Maureen Barrows for a chance to compete for the District 2 position in November.

Sandown has 2,905 voters, and 24 new voters registered Tuesday. According to supervisor of the checklist Rosemarie Bruno, about half of those were previously on the voter rolls prior to the state mandated purge of the voter lists last year.

This was the first election to involve a new Voter ID law recently passed by the legislature. Forty-one voters had no identification, but Bruno said most voters knew of the law and had their IDs ready when they entered the polls.

The law doesn't go into

full effect until the November General Election. This time around, voters were asked to provide one of the following: a driver's license issued by any state (even if expired); ID card issued by New Hampshire DMV (Division of Motor Vehicles); U.S. Armed Services ID card; U.S. Passport (even if expired); valid photo ID card issued by either the federal government or a state, county or municipal government; valid student ID card; other photo ID deemed legitimate by the supervisors of the checklist, the moderator, or the clerk; or verification of identity by a supervisor of the checklist, the moderator or the clerk. If voters didn't have a proper form of ID, they were to be informed of the law and allowed to vote.

Then, between Nov. 1 of this year and Sept. 1 2013, any voter who does not present an approved photo ID will be permitted to vote

after executing a "challenged voter affidavit."

Also, a voter who does not have an approved photo ID may obtain a free photo ID for voting purposes only by presenting a voucher from his or her town clerk or the Secretary of State at any New Hampshire DMV office that issues identification.

Interim moderator Barczak said the day went well. He handled the moderator's duties after a surprise resignation from recently elected moderator Ted Winglass. Selectmen noted surprise when they learned, not long before the Primary Election day, that Winglass would not be available.

Barczak agreed to take on the duty for the town, and went through online training for the position. Barczak, noting other responsibilities, does not have a desire to take on the role for the remainder of Winglass's term.

Sandown's Primary re-

sults are as follows:

## Democratic Ballot

Governor: Maggie Hassan, 155; Bill Pearce Kennedy, 41; Jackie Cilley, 41. Congressman: Carol Shear Porter, 219. Executive Councilor: Bill Duncan, 207. State Senator: Carol E. Croteau, 211. State Representatives: Charlotte Ann Lister, 175; Kelly Upham-Torosian, 163. Sheriff: John Clark, 204. County Attorney: Joe Plaia, 195. County Treasurer: David E. Ahearn, 205. Register of Deeds: Robert E. Padian, 202. Register of Probate: Debra E. Crapo, 203. County Commissioner: John E. Mack, 102; Frank Grzasko, 93.

## Republican Ballot

Governor: Ovide Lamontagne, 395; Kevin H. Smith, 164; Robert M. Tarr, 6. Congressman: Frank C. Guinta, 466; Rick Parent, 75; Vern Clough, 7. Executive Councilor: Christopher Sununu, 499. State Senator: Russell Prescott, 383; Den-

nis F. Acton, 110. State Representatives: Gene P. Charron, 346; Joseph M. Hagan, 338; James E. Devine, 317; Frank M. Carrio, 280; Stella Tremblay, 279; Dan Dumaine, 266. Sheriff: Michael Downing, 464. County Attorney: Jim Reams, 449. County Treasurer: Edward R. Buck, 443. Register of Deeds: Cathy Stacey, 448. Register of Probate: No official candidate. County Commissioner: Thomas Tombarello, 379; Maureen Barrows, 156. Delegates to the State Convention, Sharon Larsen, 428.

## Totals for State Representative District Wide

Democratic Ballot  
Charlotte Ann Lister, 546; Kelly Upham-Torosian, 506.  
Republican Ballot  
Gene P. Charron, 1,131; Joseph M. Hagan, 1,073; James E. Devine, 939; Dan Dumaine, 903; Stella Tremblay, 829; Frank M. Carrio, 809.



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# Stop Sign Requests Go to Selectmen, State Officials

PENNY WILLIAMS  
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – The Highway Safety Committee has identified places for improved signage and First Student, the school district's bus vendor, has also requested a sign for a dangerous pick-up location.

Road Agent Jon Worthen told the Board of Selectmen at its Monday, Sept. 10, meeting that the Highway Safety Committee had discussed replacing a yield sign with a stop sign at the intersection of Central Street and Route 121A. He said the committee also discussed replacing the yield sign at Emerson Avenue and Main Street with a stop sign. The committee sent a letter to the state Department of Transportation asking it to review that Emerson/Main intersection following a fatal accident last month.

"We haven't heard back from the state in response to our letter," Worthen said.

He said the Highway Safety Committee thinks both signs should be changed and asked that he bring the issue to the selectmen. However, Police Chief Joe Beaudoin suggested to the board that it might be prudent to wait on any decision concerning the Emerson Avenue/Main Street intersection signs until the state comes down to inspect, review and rule on it.

Beaudoin said the selectmen have the authority to make the sign change at Central and 121A without state approval. The board, after a brief discussion, voted to make the change from a yield to a stop sign at that intersection.

Worthen told the board the school bus company had requested school bus stop warning signs on Wash Pond Road between Blue Heron and Buttrick Road.

"There's construction at the house at the S curves there, and the kindergarten student has to cross the

road for the bus," he explained. The board decided to approve this if the bus company were willing to pay for the signs. If not, the board told Worthen to bring it back to the next meeting and the selectmen would consider paying the bill.

In other business:

• Beaudoin told the board he had received a response from the state regarding Camp Tel Noar's request for a crosswalk on Main Street from the camp to the tennis courts. He said the state gave several reasons why it decided the cross walk wasn't needed but the primary reason was the camp is used for only two months and a crosswalk at the location would not be needed for the majority of the year.

• Beaudoin told the board he is processing a background check on one of the five police applicants he interviewed and if it comes back satisfactory, he would like to introduce the poten-

tial full-time officer to the board in closed session at its meeting on Sept. 24.

• Selectmen's Administrative Assistant Sally Theriault said she planned to send out a Request for Proposals (RFP) to several companies soliciting bids for the Town's electric power contract. She said the Town couldn't join in with the School District for fuel contracts because the school district is part of a

multi-school group seeking contracts. She will prepare an RFP.

• Theriault said she was assured the extension requested for the grant for installation of the generator at Town Hall would be granted and that it had been determined the Town would act as contractor for getting and installing the generator.

• Worthen told the board that changing the streetlights at this time from

mercury vapor lights is too expensive, particularly when they will be changed in a few years by the electric companies to LED lights.

• The newly created Facilities Committee will be spearheaded by Selectman Chairman Sean Murphy as liaison. He said he would arrange for a meeting. Murphy said he had also heard that the Police Building Committee was returning to an active state.

## Local Racer in NASCAR Event

PENNY WILLIAMS  
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – One of Hampstead's own is making a name for himself in the racing world.

Andy Seuss of Hampstead races on the NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour. He recently made the decision to move to North Carolina but then in a quirk of fate, came back up north to the NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified event at Connecticut's Thompson International Speedway and competed on Sunday, Sept. 9. He won in a car owned by Eddie Harvey.

So that makes him a northerner who races down south, someone who lives down south and won up north.

"I've got a great opportunity to be down south, so I'm going to run with it," he

said. "I just loved it down there, and the first race after my move was to come back up here and run Thompson. Next, I'm going to race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. So I keep traveling back. It's a little backwards. I'm doing the same route, but just different directions on different days. It just feels good. Eddie Harvey is originally from New Jersey, so he's raced at Thompson all his life and I'm just glad to give him a win there."

In the Thompson race, Seuss took the lead from Burt Myers on lap 24 and then stayed out front over the next 50 laps – holding off Matt Hirschman for the victory. Seuss moved up to fifth in the NWSMT standings after the Thompson race.

The victory was especially timely for car owner Harvey, as his mother, Tammy, had died the previ-

ous week.

"We dedicated this win to her in victory lane and I know she was riding with us," said Seuss.

Up next for Seuss will be a race at home in New Hampshire. He will be in his family's No. 70 Modified in the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour event at New Hampshire Motor Speedway on Sept. 22.

Seuss, 25, went through Hampstead Central and Middle schools and graduated from Pinkerton Academy. He has been racing some sort of race car for most of his life, many of them crafted in his home's garage. He earned runner-up in the NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour in 2009, 2010, and 2011.

More information is available at [matt@51sports.net](mailto:matt@51sports.net) and [www.andyseuss.net](http://www.andyseuss.net).

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# Parent Expresses Disapproval Over Assistant Principal Decision

PENNY WILLIAMS  
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – The School Board was put on notice, if it didn't already know it, that the parents in the district haven't given up on their unhappiness over the board's decision to eliminate the assistant principal position at Central School.

While the issue didn't come under lengthy discussion at the School Board meeting Monday, Sept. 10, and the board didn't discuss it at all, a parent spoke briefly about it in the context of the budget.

Jim Davis said last year's budget decisions included funding for an assistant principal position at both schools. He pointed out that during that budget-building session, there was no discussion about doing away with the position, so the budget includes funding for it.

He went on to ask the board to clarify where it is going budget-wise, having declared it wants a level funded budget and a 1 percent reduction, and to use a zero-based budget process.

The assistant principal's position was eliminated by the School Board after it

learned that Central School assistant principal Jennifer Scarpati had accepted a position as a principal in Nashua. The board's decision was met by vocal disapproval from parents, and since that decision, there has been a parent presence at each board meeting.

After the board's decision, the administration decided the Hampstead Middle School assistant principal, Owen Harrington, would divide his time between the two schools. He will be at Central School on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and at the Middle School on Mondays,

Wednesdays and Fridays, as previously reported by the Tri-Town Times.

In other business at last week's meeting:

Central School Principal Dillard Collins described the district's preschool to the School Board, noting the current program began with TEECH – the district's Transdisciplinary Early Education Classroom – in the late 1980s.

TEECH is a regular education preschool program that includes children with a variety of special needs along with their typical peers. It began in Hampstead as an inclusionary

blend of preschool and kindergarten, with a morning class for 3- and 4-year-olds and an afternoon class for 5-year-olds. When the district began its public kindergarten in 2006, that piece was removed from the preschool program.

The curriculum for preschool is based on the developmental needs of children ages 3 to 5, with adaptations made to the program and curriculum for special needs students. Many of the students pay tuition. Two-day preschool for the typical student costs \$1,650; three-day costs \$1,900; four-day costs

\$2,100; and five-day costs \$2,300, all distributed over 10 monthly payments.

Preschool in the morning session runs from 9:05 to 11:40 a.m., while the afternoon sessions are 12:20 to 2:50 p.m. All classes are full except for the two-day morning class for 3-year-olds.

Collins said he and his staff will be evaluating the program. He plans to review the design of the groups and the fees for the typical students. He told the board the preschool students are learning as they play.

The board had no questions or comments.

# Assistant County Prosecutor Resigns After Drunk Driving Arrest

MATT RITTENHOUSE  
Tri-Town Times

SANDOWN – A Sandown man who was a prosecutor with the Rocking-

ham County Attorney's office has resigned his job after Sandown Police arrested him for Driving While Intoxicated.

William Pate, 56, was

arrested in the early morning hours of Aug. 31 after he failed a field sobriety test.

Pate was initially pulled over after failing to heed officer instructions at the

scene of a serious accident on Main Street near the intersection with Sargent Road. When Pate failed to obey a Fremont officer's instructions as he was approaching the scene, police chief Joe Gordon commanded the officer to find out

why.

Pate was subsequently arrested, bailed and released for a first offense of Driving While Intoxicated.

According to County Attorney Jim Reams, Pate resigned his job following his arrest.

According to the County Attorney's website, Pate was part of a group that covered the communities of Greenland, Hampton, Hampton Falls, New Castle, Newington, North Hampton, Portsmouth, Rye, Seabrook, and South Hampton.

# Library to Get New Air Conditioner

MATT RITTENHOUSE  
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER – At their brief Sept. 13 meeting, the board of selectmen agreed to replace an air conditioner at the Chester Public Library.

Though no official motion was made, it was agreed by the three selectmen present – chair Steph Landau, Rich LeBlanc and Mike Weider – that the purchase could move forward

as long as it came in under \$5,000, the threshold that triggers the need to seek sealed bids.

LeBlanc explained the situation, saying the failed unit could be fixed, but the cost would be similar to purchasing a new one. A new unit also prevents the town from having to change the freon in the current machine.

Though there was some concern from the board as to where the funding would

come from, as the government buildings line has pressure on it this year, LeBlanc said a working unit was important to protecting library materials, another air conditioning unit in the building was being strained, and the price would increase if the board waited.

Landau suggested that the board wait to paint the post office to pay for the more important issue at the library.



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# Local Towns Collect Unwanted Prescription Drugs

PENNY WILLIAMS  
Tri-Town Times

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has scheduled a National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on Saturday, Sept. 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is an opportunity to safely dispose of unwanted prescription drugs.

The Drug Take Back initiative was started in 2010 by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency and has occurred regularly since then in Derry, Londonderry, and Hampstead.

The State of New Hamp-

shire is partnering with the DEA and other groups to promote proper storage and disposal of medicine in the home. Officials say the number of deaths caused by drug use has quadrupled over the last 15 years in New Hampshire. Additionally, ongoing research has identified pharmaceuticals in some of the country's water bodies, and they are suspected to have caused adverse impacts to aquatic life.

In New Hampshire during the April 28, 2012 collection of expired or unwanted drugs, 4,705.8

pounds (2.4 tons) were turned in. A total of 7 tons (14,077 pounds) of unwanted or expired medication was collected in New Hampshire through four previous take back initiatives over the last two and a half years.

Officer Doug Mullen said the program is so successful the Hampstead Police Department and Fire Department are excited at a second opportunity to participate in it.

Mullen will be at the Hampstead Fire Station Sept. 29 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. "I will have boxes

there for residents to place their unwanted or expired prescription drugs," he said. "When it is over, I will take the collected drugs to the appropriate state collection point. We collected a lot of drugs at the April collection and I think we will collect a lot this time."

In Derry, Lt. John Twiss said Derry will set up a drive-through station at the entrance to Hood Plaza off Crystal Avenue to collect the drugs from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. "When the event is over, police will transport the collected medications to the DEA location," Twiss

said. "I will have two officers there, Officer Daniel Komenda and Officer Joyce Chadwell. We have had very good results, and people seem happy that we offer this service - and I know the Department of Health appreciates it because they don't want people flushing medications away."

Like Mullen, he said he was astonished by the amount of medications cancer patients have and he is glad this service is available to families trying to deal with disposal of those drugs after a loved one has died.

Londonderry Police Lt.

Tim Jones said Londonderry was participating, with its Drug Take Back held at the Londonderry Police Department from 8 a.m. until noon Sept. 29.

The service is free and anonymous.

Additional collection sites will be posted on [www.justice.gov/dea/](http://www.justice.gov/dea/) as they are established between now and Sept. 29.

For more information on how to properly dispose of unwanted medicine, visit [www.nh.gov/medsafety](http://www.nh.gov/medsafety). For additional information on alcohol and other drug misuse, visit [www.drugfreeNH.org](http://www.drugfreeNH.org).

## Repairs

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chairs, and cleaning the carpets.

Also to be looked for is a previous quote on installing a fire alarm system in Town Hall that would automatically go to dispatch. The current system is only a local alarm, and fire chief Bill Tapley has been pushing to improve the building's safety.

When the selectmen were looking into reconfiguring the downstairs office space at Town Hall, Tapley suggested putting in both a

sprinkler system and alarm. The quote for the alarm alone was about \$10,000.

Selectmen didn't appear to have an appetite for the sprinkler system this year.

Tapley noted the building could burn quickly and if no one were inside, the fire department wouldn't know it was on fire until it blew out the windows or reached the roof.

The library would like to improve its grounds with new grass and an irrigation system, and approached the board recently to discuss the matter. Selectman Hans Nicolaisen said a resident

has offered his time to install the irrigation system but he'd ask for money for materials.

In other business:

• The board agreed on a suggestion by Tapley and plumbing inspector Gary Paradis to institute a better system for propane tank permits. Both noted concern over a lack of monitoring over the installation of the potentially dangerous equipment. Paradis, Tapley and Blaisdell agreed to research the matter and draw up a policy change for selectmen review.

• The board approved

budgets for the town clerk, tax collector and budget committee.

The town clerk budget was approved at a gross expenditure of \$48,162.35 and a revenue of \$934,974.38. The tax collec-

tor budget was approved at a gross expense of \$59,180.09 and revenue of \$12,736,153.24.

• The board accepted with surprise and thanks a decision by town clerk/tax collector Michelle Short to

forego a raise this year. The board recently approved up to 2 percent for all employees, but Short kept her pay flat in the coming year's budget.

The budget committee's budget was approved at a gross expense of \$2,638.20.

## Library Book Sale a Big Success

PENNY WILLIAMS  
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD - While staff didn't count the people who visited the Hampstead Public Library book sale, they did count the dollars it brought in, and they were thrilled at the results.

"We did better this year than we did last year," said Merrily Samuels, Assistant

Library Director, who coordinated the sale. "We had 300 boxes of books and we sold 220 boxes, so we ended up with only 80 left unsold. I always want every book sold, but this was a very successful sale. We took in \$2,439.17. And there was quite a line outside waiting to get in the first day."

Hampstead Public Library Director Debra Hiett

said the proceeds will be used to purchase new books and new audio books.

"This will be a big help, as the price of audio books has gone up quite a bit," she said. "We had 20 volunteers who worked the sale along with staff. Staff ready the books all through the year."

Library staff estimate well over 1,000 participated in the Aug. 24-31 sale.

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# Schools Gear Up for Project Respect for Seventh Graders

PENNY WILLIAMS  
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – Project Respect, a Hampstead Middle School seventh grade tradition, enters its 19th year at a new location but with its usual focus.

Project Respect is an ongoing activity all year but its centerpiece is a day devoted to workshops for students and parents that delve into the issues and challenges that face teenagers and their families. Its goal is to foster better communication - between youths and their parents, between students and school adults, and with their peers.

This year the day is set for Friday, Sept. 28, at the First Assembly Church, 45 Myles Drive in Auburn. All workshops and presentations will take place that day.

As it did last year, HMS seventh graders and their parents will be joined by Sanborn Regional Middle School seventh grade students and their parents in an effort to share resources and promote respect throughout the region.

HMS Guidance Counselor Pat Jacobellis said Project Respect is essentially a "prevention education" approach to addressing a variety of issues, problems and challenges facing families. Participants will have a choice of workshops designed to both educate and to stimulate discussion.

Primary funding comes from a Safe and Drug-Free Schools federal grant, said Jacobellis. The Project Respect Team is made up of Jacobellis as program advisor, Chris Nolan as program Advisor from Sanborn Re-

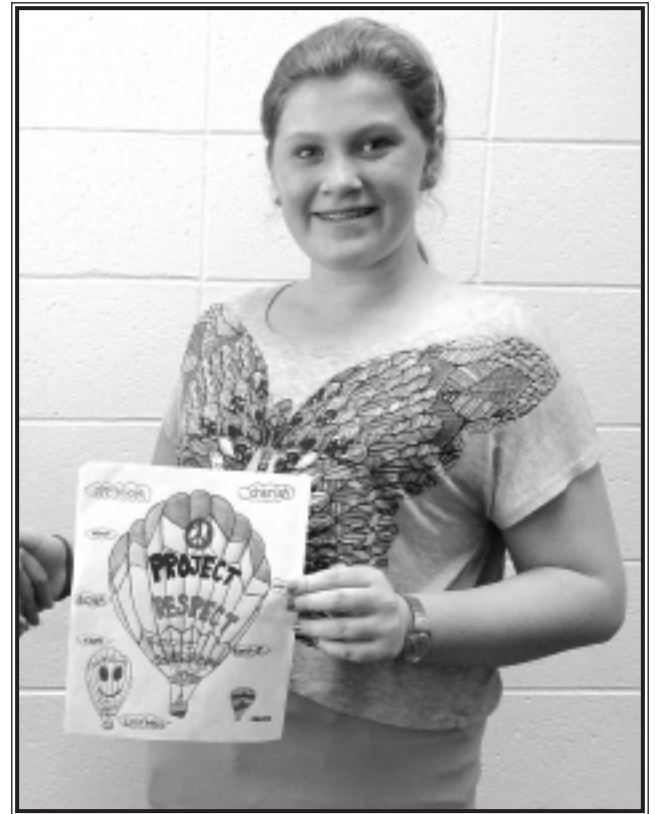
gional Middle School, Susan Sennott as program coordinator, and committee members Cindy Burke, Angie Gorham, Kim Guest, Laura Jones, Jennifer Selfridge and Laurie Warnock.

Programs will include interactive, theatrical and educational presentations by guest speakers. Among the topics are: Leaders in Prevention training and Students Empowering Students groups, self-esteem and peer pressure, relationships and conflict resolution, drug and alcohol use, and self-defense. Among the presenters are Rich Cram of the Merrimack County Juvenile Diversion Program; Ed Gerety of Gerety Presentations; Mike Weber of Southwestern Consulting; Caryl Sullivan, former Miss New Hampshire and an actress, model and image consultant; Police Chief and rock musi-

cian Rich Labell; Laurie Warnock, New Hampshire education coordinator for Northern New England Poison Center; and health educator Liz Fulks. The parents and students will pre-select the topics that interest them.

Project Respect is based on Project Safeguard, a program developed in 1988 by Warren Berry, a sixth grade science teacher at Masticola Middle School in Merrimack. Jacobellis brought her version, Project Respect, to Hampstead Middle School 19 years ago.

Kicking off the Project Respect event is the selection of the Project Respect brochure cover drawing. Seventh graders from both schools entered their drawings, and first place went to Hampstead's Lauren Pardue. Second place went to Brittany Thompson of Sanborn, and third place went to Sanborn's Katrina Stasinos.



Pictured is Hampstead Middle School seventh grader Lauren Pardue, this year's winner of the Project Respect brochure cover art. Photo by Penny Williams

## Man Arrested for Assault

PENNY WILLIAMS  
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – On Friday, Sept. 14, the police received a call around 11:45 p.m. from a woman who said she had been assaulted by her husband. She wanted to initiate a restraining order against him.

She was asked to come to the Hampstead Police Station, which she subsequently did, from Haverhill, Mass., where she had gone

after the assault, which had occurred in Hampstead at 22 Merryfield Lane. She arrived at the station just after midnight.

Hampstead Police Lieut. John Frazier said, "Her husband, Nathan W. Littlefield, was arrested at 1:30 p.m. by Hampstead police officers and brought to the station, where he was booked and charged with one count each of simple assault, criminal threatening and criminal misdemeanor. He threw

white house paint at his wife's car when she was inside. When she came to the police station, she had white on her and visible evidence of abuse. She told the officer, 'He beat the hell out of me.' She indicated the argument had started about 8:45 p.m. and continued."

Littlefield was charged, and he was able to make \$2,500 cash only bail. He has a court date in Plaistow District Court on Nov. 5.

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# TRI-TOWN HAPPENINGS

## CHESTER

### Scarecrow Decoration Day

The Chester Public Library, 3 Chester St., hosts Scarecrow Decoration Day on Tuesday, Sept. 25, all day. The library is looking for help to transform its scarecrow into the Lorax. Donated materials or help in the decoration are needed. For more information, call 887-3404.

### Story Time Art Show

Chester Public Library, 3 Chester St., presents its first art reception on Monday, Sept. 24, at 6:30 p.m. All children who have participated in Story Time and their parents/caregivers are invited for art appreciation, refreshments, and crafts. For more information, call 887-3404.

### Popcorn Sale

Cub Scout Pack 163 of Chester is selling popcorn each Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The locations will rotate from Spollett's General Store and Your Variety Store on Sept. 22 and Oct. 6, to The Center Scoop Ice Cream Shop and the Chester Transfer Station on Sept. 29. The Cub Scouts are also taking popcorn orders from friends and neighbors. The money raised helps fund Pack activities and keeps costs low for participation.

### Democrats

The Chester Democratic Committee will meet on Thursday, Sept. 27, at 6 p.m. at the Chester Public Library. All Democrats in Chester are invited.

### Fall Worship Schedule

Chester Congregational and Baptist Church offers Adult Sunday School at 9 a.m. and Children's Sunday School at 10:15 a.m. Sunday Service is at 10:30 a.m. Communion is received the first Sunday of the month. For more information, call the church office at 887-4799 or email chesterchurchoffice@gsinet.net. The church is in the center of town at 4 Chester St.

### Adult Volleyball

Adult Volleyball takes place Wednesdays from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Chester Town Hall multipurpose room, 84 Chester St. The recreational-level program is free, with pickup teams on a gym floor with two nets. For more information, contact Sharon Mulrennan at sharon@chesternhrec.org or call Chester Recreation at 887-5773.

### Community Calendar

The Chester Lions Club announces its 37th annual Community Calendar sale. The cost of the calendar includes individual listings of birthdays, anniversaries and memorial dates, as well as community and school meetings and events. The sale ends Sept. 25. Proceeds are used for Chester Lions charitable projects, which include annual scholarship to graduating Chester seniors, sight and hearing assistance to Chester residents and support of area charities that benefit Chester residents. Cost of the calendar is \$6, and order forms are available by calling Bruce Baker at 887-4424 or by email at bruce.baker@beangroup.com

### Clothing Closet Fashion Show

The Chester Clothing Closet will host a Fashion Show at Stevens Memorial Hall on Friday, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m. Led by Girl Scout Katiana Kable, local models will be showing off the many items the Closet has to offer. Models are needed. If interested in modeling or helping out, contact Kathy Kable at 978-360-5414.

### Storytimes

The Chester Public Library, 3 Chester St., offers free Storytimes with stories and crafts every Tuesday at 11:15 a.m. with Mrs. Emily. For more information, call 887-3404.

## HAMPSTEAD

### Book Discussions

The Non-Fiction Book Group at the Hampstead Public Library will be discussing "The Whale: In Search of the Giants of the Sea" by Philip Hoare on

Monday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. The Third Thursday Book Group will discuss "In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin" by Erik Larson on Oct. 18 at 1 p.m. Copies of the books are available at the library's front desk, and newcomers are always welcome at both groups.

### Senior Trip

The Hampstead Seniors are planning a trip to Indian Head Resort on Wednesday, Oct. 17. The bus leaves St. Anne's parking lot at 9 a.m. and returns around 5 p.m. Sign-up is Wednesday, Oct. 3, between 9 and 10 a.m. at the Meeting House on Emerson Avenue. Age restriction is 62 years old or above. Cost of the trip is \$25 per person for Hampstead residents, and \$31 per person for non-residents. Payment is due at sign-up. Hampstead seniors receive first choice; all others are placed on a waiting list. Proof of residence is required. For more information, call Cleta Barry at 329-9550.

### Sensory Friendly Services

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church announces "Rhythms of Grace," a church experience for those who don't feel comfortable in a traditional worship setting. The service will include a bible story, therapeutic arts and crafts projects and gluten-free communion in a child-friendly environment. The program is designed to meet the spiritual needs of children and their families living with autism-spectrum disorders and other special needs. The service is non-denominational and staffed by trained volunteers. The first service will be held Saturday, Oct. 6, at 2 p.m. On-going, services will be held on the first Saturday of the month. St. Christopher's is handicapped accessible and located at 187 East Road, off Route 111. For more information, call the church office at 329-4674, visit www.saintcs.org, or email nhrhythmssofgrace@gmail.com.

### Adult Volleyball

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## READ WITH A HERO

U.S. Army Col. Chuck Samaris is pictured with a globe showing students in Adam Hathaway's second grade at Hampstead Central School where he has been stationed. Samaris was visiting the school for its annual Read with a Hero memorial event commemorating Sept. 11, 2001. Principal Dillard Collins noted that most youngsters at Central School this year were not even born when 9/11 took place.

Photo by Penny Williams

place Mondays from 8 to 10 p.m. all year at the Hampstead Memorial Gym on Main St. (Route 121). The recreational-level program is free, with pickup teams on a hardwood floor with one net. For more information, contact Dave Murphy at djohnmurphy1@myfairpoint.net or Chuck Wilson at c\_wilson@comcast.net.

### Sacred Heart Mission

St. Anne's Catholic Church is hosting a Sacred Heart Mission from Saturday, Sept. 22, through Wednesday, Sept. 26, with presentations evenings at 7 p.m. led by Fr. William Gaffney and Gloria Anson. Sacred Heart Mission is focusing on family, communication and Jesus in everyone's life. The presentations are open to all.

### Swedish Meatballs

A Swedish Meatball Supper will be held Saturday, Sept. 22, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at East Hampstead Union Church, 225 East Main St. (Route 121A), just south of Route 111. The menu includes meatballs, egg noodles, carrots, peas, cranberry sauce, breads, assorted desserts and beverages. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children under 12, and no charge for preschoolers. The church is chair-lift accessible. Take-out meals are

available. Dinner proceeds benefit the Operating Fund of this historic church. For more information, call 378-0683.

### Clothing & Fabrics Sale

A gently used Clothing & Household Fabrics Sale will be held rain or shine on Monday, Sept. 24; Tuesday, Sept. 25; and Wednesday, Sept. 26, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at East Hampstead Union Church, 225 East Main St. (Route 121A), just south of Route 111. A selection of used curtains, bedding, pillows, tablecloths, towels, and shoes will be available as well. The church is an interdenominational Christian fellowship serving the community since 1897, and proceeds benefit the Operating Fund. No clothing or fabric donations are accepted. For more information, call 378-0683.

### Art Exhibit

Continuing through the end of October, the Hampstead Public Library is displaying the artwork of Francoise Armstrong of Hampstead. Her work covers a variety of subjects, including seascapes, landscapes, character paintings, still life, florals, birds and animals.

### Bridge Club

The Hampstead Public Library offers a Bridge Club on Mondays from 1 to 4

p.m. starting Oct. 1. This club is intended for those who already know how to play bridge.

### LEGOmania

The Hampstead Public Library hosts LEGOmania on Thursday, Sept. 20, from 4 to 5 p.m. for kids in Kindergarten through Grade 4. The library will supply the LEGOs and snacks. No registration is required. For more information, call 329-6411.

### Superhero Saturday

The Hampstead Public Library presents Superhero Saturday on Sept. 29 at noon, with a matinee showing of a superhero film. The library will provide snacks. The film will be shown on the library's new screen with surround sound, in the second floor meeting room.

### College Essay

The Hampstead Public Library presents "The Write Stuff: College Essays" on Wednesday, Sept. 26, at 5 p.m. for high school seniors, but juniors are also welcome. The speaker is a representative of the New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation, which provides free college planning assistance for students and parents. Attendees will get tips and strategies on developing the written portion of college applications. A college resume and letters of recom-



mendation will also be addressed. Those who have a college essay in progress should bring it to the workshop and will receive one-on-one assistance if time allows. The program is free and students do not have to live in Hampstead to attend. The library will provide pizza for all attendees. Students should register in advance by calling the library at 329-6411 or emailing ProgramsHPL@gmail.com.

#### Needlework Socials

The Hampstead Public Library hosts Needlework Socials on the second and fourth Friday of each month at 1 p.m. The next social is Sept. 28. No sign-up is nec-

essary. New participants are always welcome. Bring a current project.

#### Crafters Wanted

The Hampstead Mothers' Club announces its 27th annual Craft Fair, set for Hampstead Middle School on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All proceeds benefit the children of Hampstead. Spaces for crafters and artists are 6-by-10-feet with two chairs provided, for \$60. For more information on vendor registration, contact Sarah Wise-carver at 329-5290 or sarah-wisecarver@rocketmail.com.

#### Farmers Market

The Hampstead Lions

Club sponsored Hampstead Farmers Market will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays at the Stage Road junction parking lot off Mary E. Clark Drive. New vendors are added weekly. For more information, call Bernie Longbook at 329-5603 or visit Hampsteadlionsclub.com and click on Farmers Market.

#### Fiction Writers

The Fiction Writers' Group that meets at the Hampstead Public Library is seeking new members. The group meets the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 9:15 a.m. Many aspects of fiction writing are discussed: character devel-

opment, plotting, narrative technique, dialog, point-of-view, genre, and editing and re-writes. Those interested may attend a meeting, or send an email in advance to HampFicWriters@comcast.net. The next meeting is Sept. 22. Hampstead residency is not required.

#### SANDOWN

##### Bean Supper

The Sandown Senior Affairs Transportation program, a non-profit organization that assists the elderly with transportation needs, is hosting a bean supper on Saturday, Oct. 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Ed Garvey Recreation Center on

Pheasant Run Lane. Cost is \$7 per person, \$3 for children, and \$20 per family. The menu includes home-made baked beans, ham, hot dogs, potato salad, cole slaw, rolls, brown bread, cold drinks, coffee, tea, and homemade pies. For more information, call Joan Park at 887-0520.

#### Invasive Species

The Sandown Garden Club will hold a program titled "Invasive Upland Plant Species of New Hampshire" given by Douglas Cygan, Invasive Species Coordinator for the state Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food, at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 1, at the Sandown Recreation Center

on Pheasant Run Drive. Cygan's presentation will provide an in-depth look at upland invasive plant species in New Hampshire. Refreshments will be served and a door prize will be awarded. The Sandown Garden Club is a member of the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. For more information, visit [www.sandowngardenclub.org](http://www.sandowngardenclub.org).

#### Adult Volleyball

Adult Volleyball takes place Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. (except school vacations) at the Central School gym on Main St. (Route 121A). The

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recreational-level program is free, with pickup teams on a linoleum floor with one net. For more information, contact Paul Bernier at Pionmet@aol.com.

#### Antiques Appraisal

Devin Moisan returns to Sandown to give verbal valuations of antiques in the second annual Antiques Appraisal presented by the Sandown Lions. The event takes place Saturday, Sept. 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the basement level of Sandown Town Hall. Cost is \$10 per item, \$25 for three items. Moisan is the owner of Devin Moisan Auctioneers, Inc., in Dover. Refreshments (baked goods, sandwiches, coffee & soda) will be available. The Lions encourage residents to bring multiple items but reserves the right to limit the number of items per person to a maximum of three to limit waiting. For more information, call the Sandown Lions at 974-0758.

#### Yard Sale Rescheduled

The ninth annual Sandown Town Wide Yard Sale has been rescheduled to Saturday, Oct. 20, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine. All information, including registration form, may be found on the Town of Sandown website at [www.sandown.us](http://www.sandown.us) and navigate to the Parks and Recreation page. Registration forms are also at Town Hall on Main Street or available

by e-mail by contacting [recreation@sandown.us](mailto:recreation@sandown.us). Proceeds from registration fees help support community programs. Deadline to register is Thursday, Oct. 11, for inclusion in the sale directory.

#### GOP Golf Tourney

The first Sandown Republican Committee Golf Tournament is set for to the Kingston Fairways golf course in Kingston on Saturday, Sept. 22, with a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. The scramble format tournament includes nine holes of golf with cart, lunch, raffle, and Republican guests. Prizes will be awarded for closest to the pin, longest drive, and hole in one challenges. Cost is \$49. Partial proceeds and donations will go toward the purchase of American flags to be displayed along Main Street in Sandown. Sponsorship opportunities for local area businesses are available. Golfers can register and pay online at [www.srcnh-gop.com/Events.php](http://www.srcnh-gop.com/Events.php). For information, contact the Sandown Republican Committee at [contactus@srcnh-gop.com](mailto:contactus@srcnh-gop.com) or 716-1464.

#### Cribbage Club

The Sandown Public Library offers a Cribbage Club at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. All levels of experience are welcome.

#### Cub Scouts

Sandown Cub Scout Pack 268 recruitment for 2012-2013 has begun. Scouts from all area towns are welcome. Cub Scouts is

open to all boys in first through fifth grades, and offers field trips, educational events and fun. Join Cub Scouts at the Sandown Town Forest on Fremont Road on Saturday, Sept. 22, at 12:30 p.m. Families should bring water, blanket and bug spray. Subs and sandwiches will be provided. Those unable to attend can still sign up by contacting Niki Price at 867-7338.

#### Senior Fitness

Sandown residents age 60 or above are encouraged to "use it or lose it" with an exercise class offered by retired physical education teacher Vera Kirk. A free demonstration is offered Tuesday, Oct. 2, from 11 a.m. to noon. The eight-week class follows from Oct. 9 through Nov. 27. Cost is \$12 per person for residents and \$15 for non-residents. Pre-registration is required for the free demonstration class.

## REGIONAL

#### Flag Decommissioning

The Molly Reid Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will hold a flag decommission and disposal ceremony at Upper Village Hall, East Derry Road in Eest Derry, from noon to 1 p.m. Oct. 13. People are invited to bring their old, torn, faded American flags.

#### Depression Workshop

New Creation Healing Center, a whole person cen-

ter of healing combining medicine, counseling, massage, and spirituality, is offering a workshop called "Healing of Depression" on Saturday, Sept. 22, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 80 Route 125, Kingston. For more information and to register, call Marlene at 642-6700 or email [Marlene@newcreationhc.org](mailto:Marlene@newcreationhc.org).

#### Bible Study

Trinity Church, in con-

junction with New Creation Healing Center, is offering a four week, non-denominational Bible study titled "Greater Intimacy with God" on Tuesdays, Sept. 25, and Oct. 2 and 9, on the second floor of New Creation Healing Center, 80 Route 125, Kingston, starting at 7 p.m. Teaching is Dr. Mary Pearson. For more information, call 642-3002.

#### High Holiday Services

Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1

1/2 Hood Road, Derry, announces High Holiday worship services: Eve of Yom Kippur, Tuesday, Sept. 25, at 7:15 p.m.; Yom Kippur, Wednesday, Sept. 26, at 9:15 a.m., family worship service at 3 p.m., and Yizkor and Neilah at 4 p.m. No tickets are required. Shabbat worship services are held every Friday at 7:15 p.m. For more information, call 432-0004 or visit [www.etzhayim.org](http://www.etzhayim.org).

## Letters

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to share with readers some of the reasons why I made it.

Although my wife and I have lived in New Hampshire for most of the last 20 years, we have also lived in several major metro areas in other states since we were married. In all those places, elected officials were almost as inaccessible as Hollywood celebrities unless you made big campaign donations or stood in long lines to shake their hands at scripted and choreographed events. Here in New Hampshire, we tend to forget that our famous retail politics provide average voters with a level of intimacy with candidates that would be completely unthinkable in most other places.

It was in that context that we first met Maggie. She was a speaker at a small house party during the 2010

election cycle. She was polished, professional, and in a stream of speakers, she was uniquely focused and succinct in her comments.

But what stood out the most for me was the way she connected her personal narrative to what she stood for without injecting painful doses of ego and overwrought ambition. It seemed completely plausible to me that she simply wanted to play a role in keeping New Hampshire's quality of life as high as possible, especially for families.

Shortly after that first meeting, I went to a local activist's house to help in canvassing for the 2010 election. As luck would have it, I was asked to drive Maggie around as she spoke with voters, and from my seat in the car, I could plainly see that she did more listening than talking. As a corporate executive for over 25 years, I have had to make many tough decisions, and in doing so I learned that

the best decisions usually happen after listening to a lot of people with different vantage points. You can't please everyone, but you can make accommodations that don't compromise principles or basic values when you get the right input. That day and since then, I have seen the qualities of an excellent executive in Maggie.

And there is one last thing that makes Maggie so compelling to me as a candidate. Most politicians expound on their accomplishments at the drop of a hat. Maggie can do that with the best of them, but she is also unafraid to confront mistakes and work hard to repair them. Among Maggie's many great leadership qualities, this may be the one that makes her most worthy of our trust. I will sleep well at night with Maggie Hassan in the corner office in Concord.

Andrew Weir  
Hampstead

## Dance

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thing was done by the book, said Burke. A charge of simple assault is being brought against the juvenile who punched the other.

"Everyone did what they were supposed to do," said Burke.

Safe School Reports were filled out and students involved in the fight have been banned from future dances for the rest of the year.

The decision to have the school sponsor the dances in the future is in part an effort to curb such behavior.

Though the dances are held with Chester Academy students and sometimes in Chester Academy facilities, because they are not school sanctioned, the school says that it cannot hold the students responsible to the same code of conduct they'd be responsible to in school or at sponsored extra-curricular activities.

In addition to sanctioning the events, school administration will be in attendance at future dances and students will be held accountable to the student code of conduct.

Gaylord conceded that

bringing the dances under the school's tent will not prevent all altercations in the future, but that it was important to the district to increase its authority there.

School board chair Royal Richardson said the decision will change the tone of the dances. The school used to host the dances but years ago decided that it wasn't worth the effort and let the Booster Club take over.

Brown stepped into the discussion after the dance via multiple email messages to the PTA, Booster Club, administration, School Board, Pinkerton Academy and New

Hampshire Department of Education, in addition to his visit to the school board's September meeting.

Brown has also been vocal recently in charging the board of selectmen with not doing enough to keep kids safe and threatened to also ask for that board's resignation en masse.

Brown ramped up the rhetoric, calling the incident "ultra-violent," and threatened to ask the entire school board to step down over its handling of the situation. Brown called the board and administration arrogant and incompetent,

and likened them to Pennsylvania State University and its more than a decade-long attempt to cover up child sexual abuse by one of its football coaches.

Brown charged the school board with putting the kids' well being behind liability concerns and with being unresponsive to his concerns, but school board members said the matter wasn't as simple as Brown desired it to be.

Brown wanted the student being charged with simple assault to be isolated from the rest of the student body. He also called for a

full report of the incident to parents.

After Brown charged the board with actively attempting to cover up the situation, board members Mike Romick and Richardson responded. They noted that they do not respond instantly to emails and that Brown used the wrong addresses, but encouraged him to visit their meeting to discuss the issue and appropriate responses to it.

A letter from the school and Booster Club is set to go out to parents once some loose ends on the decision have been wrapped up.





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